80 Highland Ave.
Rochester, New York 14620
April 10, 1993

Paul Hepworth and Richard Burns
Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center
208 West 13th Street
New York, New York 12201

Re: Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley v. City Assessor

Dear Paul and Richard:

Enclosed is a copy of an eloquent, and in my view, landmark decision that Justice Siracuse just issued regarding the City's denial of a property tax exemption. The Judge found that the City unconstitutionally discriminated against the Gay Alliance on account of the contents of its message and the character of its membership.

As you can see, the Judge referred to the tax exempt status of the New York City Center. We couldn't have given him this information without your help.

Unfortunately, the City has announced that it will appeal this case. Under the fastest of circumstances, this means that the appeals court decision will not come out until December. Speedy justice in action!

Thanks again for everything. We will keep you informed about further events. If you want to discuss this case further, feel free to call me at work at (716) 454-6500, or (716) 256-0508.

Take care, and thanks.

Very truly yours,

Ellen M. Yacknin

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